Statement-II

Number of Post Offices to be Computerised During 2005-06, State-wise

Sl. No.	State	No. of Post Offices proposed for computerisation during 2005-06
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
2	Assam	40
3	Manipur	Nil
4	Meghalaya	Nil
5	Mizoram	01
6	Nagaland	Nil
7	Sikkim	01
8	Tripura	Nil

Mobile services in Uttaranchal

†1915. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that quality of mobile telephone services in several parts of the Uttaranchal has deteriorated steeply during the last few months;

(b) whether such areas have been identified where mobile services have been hampered; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken for improving the quality of mobile phone services in Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In terms of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act 1997, TRAI is, *inter-alia*, mandated to monitor the Quality of Service (QoS) parameters of the mobile services provided by licensed mobile service providers in the country. As per the performance monitoring reports

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

submitted by the mobile service providers of Uttar Pradesh (West) service area, no major deterioration in the quality of service of mobile operators is notified by TRAI. However, congestion in mobile network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been observed in Uttaranchal due to limitation in its capacity. Also, the mobile service has been affected on some occasions especially in Rishikesh-Badrinath Highway on failure of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) media due to widening of the roads.

(c) BSNL is making all efforts to keep the interruptions to a minimum by restoring the media breakdown promptly. Also BSNL is expanding the mobile network capacity in Uttaranchal by about 2 lakhs lines progressively during the current financial year to ensure good QoS and to meet the overwhelming demand.

Nominal rates for incoming telephone services

1916. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some mobile service providers are issuing incoming telephone services at the nominal rates of Rs.100/- to the customers;

(b) if so, whether MTNL and BSNL are also considering to provide only incoming telephonic facility at a monthly rental of Rs.100/- in the country;

(c) if so, by when this facility would be accorded; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Some Mobile service providers are offering telephone services at the rate of Rs.100/ per month.

(b) to (d) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is offering cellular mobile telephone service with a tariff of Rs.100/- in its Budget plan with facility for both incoming and outgoing calls. The outgoing calls are charged as per the tariff plan subscribed by the customers and no charges are levied for the incoming calls.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has no proposal to provided this